GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:292
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008
ELEVENTH PLAN OUTLAYS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eleventh Plan outlays for the development of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) Sector have been finalized and approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the achievements made during the Tenth Plan Period, project-wise; and

(d) the details of the projects likely to be taken up during the Eleventh Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 292 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2008 RAISED BY DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA REGARDING ELEVENTH PLAN OUTLAYS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An allocation of Rs. 615.00 crore (at current prices) has been earmarked for Inland Water Transport (IWT) sector in the 11th Plan.

(c): Some of the important achievements in respect of IWT sector by Inland Waterways Authority of India during 10th Plan are as under: -

(i) Construction of low level jetty one each at Patna and Pandu (Guwahati) terminal completed. Work awarded for the construction of high level jetty one each at Patna and Pandu terminal. Construction of seven permanent terminals in National Waterways−3 completed.

(ii) Maintenance of Fairway of 2 m depth undertaken for about 300 days in a year in Patna-Haldia stretch of NW-1, Dhubri-Dibrugarh stretch of NW-2, and Kochi- Thakazi jetty stretch of NW-3.

(iii) Provision of 24 hrs. navigational aids between Tribeni and Farakka in NW-1 (364 km), between Dhubri to Pandu (255 km) in NW-2 and between Kochi to Allapuzha in NW-3 (100 km).

(iv) Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) for 6 joint venture projects signed by IWAI for construction/operation/management of 3 jetties in NW-1 and acquisition/operation/management of barges in NW-2 for private sector participation/investment in IWT sector.

(v) Six cargo vessels and two passenger vessels completed under Inland Vessel Building Subsidy Scheme (IVBSS).

(vi) Overall cargo movement through IWT went up from 1.63 billion ton km (32.48 million tons) in 2003-04 to 3.38 btkm (55.82 million tons) in 2006-07. Regular cargo movement was established between Haldia and Patna for the first time. Movement of fly ash, clinker and gypsum from Haldia / Kolkata to Bangladesh increased substantially in last 3 years from 2,18,124 tonnes in 2002-03 to 7,99,347 tonnes in 2006-07.

(vii) 35 projects of 15 States costing Rs 107 Cr sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS),

(viii) Bills for declaration of three more waterways as National Waterways introduced in the Parliament. These are:

(i) Kakinada -Puducherry Canals along with Godavari and Krishna rivers (1095 km),

(ii) East Coast Canal along with Brahmani river and Mahanadi delta (623 km) and

(iii) River Barak (121 km).

(d): Major projects for IWT sector identified by the working group for 11th plan are enclosed at Annexure-I. The projects which will finally be taken up during the Eleventh Plan will depend on the approved Plan outlay for the sector.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 292 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2008 RAISED BY DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA REGARDING ELEVENTH PLAN OUTLAYS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS

Sl. No. Projects Ongoing

1. Grants to IWAI for taking up project of -

(a) Fairway development
(b) Navigational aids
(c) Terminals on:-

(i) National Waterway-1

(ii) National Waterway-2

(iii) National Waterway-3

(iv) Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Routes

2. IT related activities

3. NINI and setting up of SCTCs

4. IWT promotion activities

5. Joint Ventures (PPP projects)

6. Technical Studies and R&D

7. Inland Vessel Building Subsidy Scheme

8. Centrally Sponsored Scheme/Central Sector Scheme for NER/other States

New

1. New National Waterways

(i) National Waterway-4 (Kakinada-Pondicherry canal along with rivers Godavari & Krishna)

(ii) National Waterway-5 (East Coast Canal along with rivers Brahmani & Mahanadi delta)

(iii) National Waterway-6 (River Barak -NE Area)

(iv) Other New Waterways

2. Incentive for IWT Operators

3. Mechanization of country crafts (Bhut-bhuties)

4. Vessel Leasing Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)

5. Dedicated IWT Development Fund (JV for vessel acquisition)

6. Funding for composite transportation projects